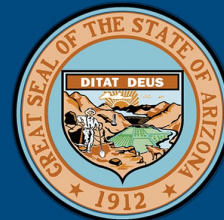




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To ensure that Arizona's veteran community is kept "up to date" on what is happening with the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services (ADVS), we offer this bi-monthly update sent out to our veteran contacts throughout the State of Arizona. Please visit online: [www.dvs.az.gov/](http://www.dvs.az.gov/), [www.facebook.com/azdvs/](https://www.facebook.com/azdvs/)

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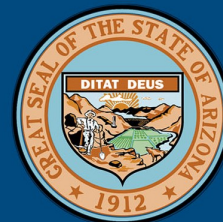
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### March/April in Review

Congratulations to veteran James Cooper who completed his second Pat's Run on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Cooper (Team James the Flame) completed the 4.2 mile race with a time of 34 minutes and 40 seconds! Way to go!







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Thank you to Troop 869 and all of our volunteers and groups that made our backyard BBQ spot a fabulous gathering place. Residents are now able to access our beautiful garden that encompasses so many delicious fruits and vegetables that are taken care of and maintained by the residents themselves. From tomatoes to eggplant to peppers, and of course the beautiful flowers, we are so lucky to have a beautiful "backyard".

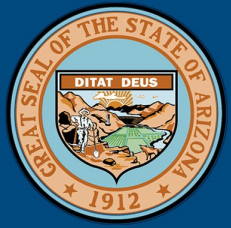






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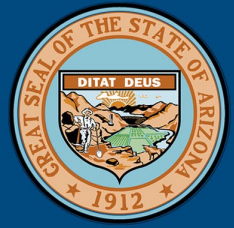
In celebration of Easter, veterans had a fabulous time coloring Easter eggs with our staff, volunteers and family.



To celebrate all of our veterans who had a birthday in April, we threw them a birthday party with cake, drinks, balloons and of course... a belly dancer!







## ARIZONA STATE VETERAN HOME-TUCSON (ASVH-TUC)

*- Contents submitted by Sam Nanez and Ellen Bittman*

### March/April in Review

- ◆ Derek Duncan, Recreational Specialist, assisting resident Vernon Kloster as he toured the Tucson Gem & Mineral Show. Also pictured below are a prehistoric bison and a Romanian cave bear skeletal remains.

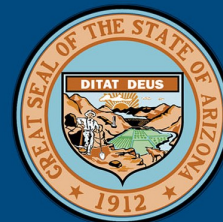






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- ◆ Morris, our pet therapy cat, exploring the great outdoors on the ASVH-Tucson premises.



- ◆ Our monthly POW-WOW continues to be a success, open to the community. The February POW-WOW included an educational table on hospice services.

- ◆ Pictured below are Steve Anderson and Support Our Troops Arizona, who donated 40 portable CD players and approximately 100 CDs/audio books/movies. Their gracious donation is greatly appreciated by ASVH-Tucson and the residents as it continues to expand choices in the library with audio books and CD music.

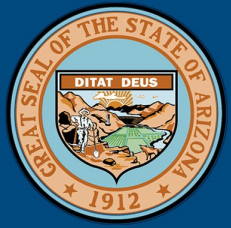






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- ◆ Our monthly birthday party, put on by the American Legion Auxiliary and Veterans of Foreign Wars volunteers, continues to be a successful celebration. Individual birthday cards are given to the residents celebrating their birthdays during their birth month.



- ◆ Sheila King and her quilting club donated approximately 100 Civil War reproduction quilts to the ASVH – Tucson. Each quilt was personally signed by the quilter as well as various veterans or active duty service members.

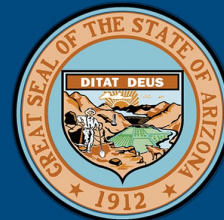






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- ◆ Our therapeutic art and movement program has been expanding. Charles Esquivel, Recreational Specialist/COTA, has been instrumental in the success of this program. Residents are able to express themselves through art and color, while listening to music which encompasses movement. We have two instructors who graciously volunteer their time and techniques.

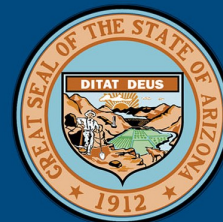






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◆ Our annual La Fiesta de los Vaqueros Tucson Rodeo glides right past our facility each February. Our residents, families, volunteers, and staff enjoy the colorful floats, costumes, and bands. Following the parade, we had our annual BBQ provided by ASVH-Tucson dietary staff accompanied by live country music provided by Country Duo.

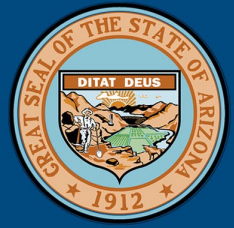






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- ◆ Our Star Spangled Seniors Group came to entertain our residents with skits and patriotic music. The program was enjoyed by all. They have been visiting ASVH-Tucson for the last three years and we look forward to their performances.



- ◆ The residents enjoy therapeutic coloring on the Memory Care Unit, which promotes creativity and calmness.

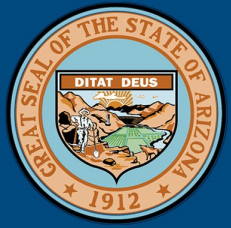






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- ♦ The residents always look forward to the BBQ hosted by the Elks. At the most recent BBQ, they had a choice of hamburgers, hotdogs, or ribs or a combination of each. Included with the BBQ was beans, potato salad and all the fixings, followed by dessert with a choice of cherry or apple pie.



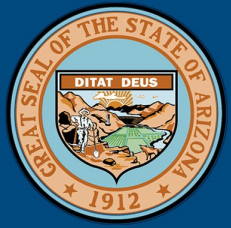
- ♦ At our annual St. Patrick's Day celebration, the residents enjoyed green beer and finger food (supplied by the ALA). Our dietary staff provided traditional Irish soda bread to complete the experience.





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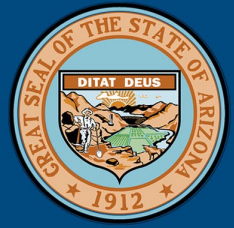
- ◆ The Art & Movement Program is working with watercolors. Every program will be using different mediums.



- ◆ ASVH-Tucson welcomes Robert Tunila as our new administrator, who comes to us with fifteen plus years of experience. The management team looks forward to working with him. He has already been actively involved in setting up meetings with individual departments, residents, and the President of Resident Council. He values everyone's ideas and input as he strives for continuation on the successes of the ASVH – Tucson. The new mantra is "Everyone is our customer." Pictured is Tunila taking time to meet and hear ideas from Resident Council President Ed Johnson.







◆ **Upcoming events:**

May outings include: Walmart on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>; Family Dollar on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>; and Desert Diamond Casino on May 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

On Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, Produce on Wheels Without Waste (POW-WOW) is back at ASVH-Tucson. For a donation of \$10, you may take up 60 pounds of produce.

On Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m., DAV hosts bingo followed by cake and ice cream.

On Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, ASVH-Tucson hosts a Mother's Day brunch complete with accompaniment of a harpist from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. ALA will provide a flower for each female resident.

Also on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, it is the kick-off to Nursing Home Week and the theme is "the Spirit of America."

On Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m., VFW/ALA hosts the monthly birthday party.

On Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m., AMVET/American Legion will host Bingo in the Chapel/Community Room.

On Saturday afternoon, May 20<sup>th</sup> Armed Forces Day will be celebrated with cake and ice cream.

Coming in June: Father's Day celebration; Flag Day; and U. S. Army birthday.



◆ **Donations recently received by ASVH-Tucson:**

On 12/16/16, Christopher Cobb donated a check in the amount of \$200.

On 02/05/17, Mary Tonik on behalf of ALA Unit 109 donated cookie bars and cupcakes with an estimated value of \$41.92.

On 02/05/17, ALA Unit 109 donated five 30 packs of beer, two bean dip platters, 10 bags of Fritos, and one 4 pack of Chardonnay for a combined estimated value of \$146.69.

On 02/05/17, ALA Oro Valley Unit 132 donated: 1 military newspaper; 4 oversized pictorial books; 6 hardback books; 1 paperback book; and 1 cassette book on tape with an estimated value of \$60.

On 02/07/17, Kimberly & Daniel Gerhart donated 44 DVDs in memory of her father Dennis Smith, a former resident of ASVH-Tucson.

On 02/09/17, AGERO donated blankets and warm clothing.

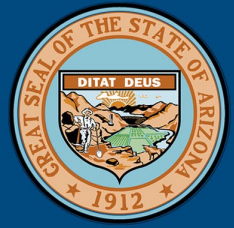
On 02/10/17, Borderlands Food Bank provided a check for \$140 for the January 2017 POW-WOW.





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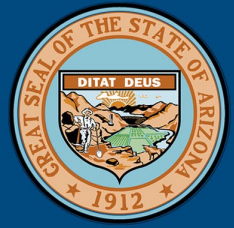
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- On 02/14/17, Annie Kiser donated cards made by ANZA Trail School in Sahuarita, AZ through Kids 4 Vets AZ.
- On 02/14/17, Support Our Troops – AZ & ALA Casa Grande donated 40 portable CD players, approximately 100 audio CDs, audio books, and movies with a combined estimated value of \$1,000.
- On 02/14/17, Anna Marie Arenas & Terry Soto and the ALA District 2 donated 10 roses for female veterans and 20 heart candy boxes with an estimated value of \$32.
- On 02/16/17, Penny Henderson donated \$20 cash for the bingo fund.
- On 02/21/17, Kimberly & Daniel Gerhart donated another 35 DVDs, two Army baseball caps and 1 Big Hunts Texas Holdems baseball cap in memory of her father Dennis Smith, a former resident of ASVH-Tucson.
- On 02/22/17, Elks Lodge #385 donated 13 cases of books with an estimated value of \$500.
- On 02/22/17, David & Tricia Larrabee donated three plates and two decorative eagles.
- On 02/24/17, Marge Schoonoror donated chips, candy bars, and noodles in memory of Roy Schoonoror with an estimated value of \$64.95.
- On 02/28/17, Sheila King donated Civil War Reproduction Quilts with credit to Home of the Brave Quilt Project.
- On 03/03/17, Larry Thomson, Library Secretary, donated three boxes of hardcover books with an estimated value of \$120.
- On 03/07/17, George McCoy donated books with an estimated value of \$30.
- On 03/13/17, Paula Swindle donated 57 single albums, 13 collections of albums, and 1 stereo system with an estimated value of \$361.
- On 03/13/17, ALA Oro Valley Unit 132 donated: Cinemark movie theater gift card in the amount of \$100; 9 military newspapers (Army & Air Force) with an estimated value of \$34; books (1 hardback, 13 paperbacks, and 6 trade) and 9 military newspapers with an estimated value of \$100 for a combined estimated value of \$234.
- On 03/13/17, Mary Tonik on behalf of ALA Unit 109 donated five jigsaw puzzles with an estimated value of \$42.
- On 03/20/17, Jamal Galloway donated books in memory of Mr. Lingle of Green Valley with credit to Rayvets – Raytheon Tucson.
- On 03/20/17, Jacksonville Steel, Inc. donated a check in the amount of \$100 in memory of Raymond Harden.
- On 03/20/17, Janet Hines donated a check in the amount of \$100 in memory of Raymond Harden.
- On 03/20/17, Charles & Kelly Woods donated a check in the amount of \$50 in memory of Raymond Harden.
- On 03/23/17, Wanda Wagner donated two U of A shirts, two U of A hats, books, back scratchers, snacks and 1 signed cowboy Christmas book by Tom Van Dyke with a combined estimated value of \$150.
- On 03/28/17, Mark Adams donated a check in the amount of \$25 in memory of Raymond Harden.
- On 03/28/17, Beatrice Adams donated a check in the amount of \$25 in memory of Raymond Harden.
- On 04/02/17, Tom & Kathy Stangel donated books, clothes, and picture frames.
- On 04/03/17, J. Dannie & Polly Dulaney donated a check in the amount of \$100 in memory of Raymond Harden.
- On 04/04/17, Robert Drown donated Reader's Digest Condensed Books 1975 – present.

**Thanks to all for the much needed and much appreciated donations!!!**





## ARIZONA VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERIES (AVMC)

We are delighted to be able to provide three beautiful final resting places for our veterans and loved ones.

AVMC Camp Navajo	<a href="#">Web</a>	<a href="#">Facebook</a>
AVMC Marana	<a href="#">Web</a>	<a href="#">Facebook</a>
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### ♦ AVMC Camp Navajo

- Contents submitted by Andrew Griffin

#### Memorial Day Ceremony

May 29<sup>th</sup>  
2 p.m.



We are located at 14317 Veterans Drive in Bellemont, Arizona. Camp Navajo is located west of Flagstaff and east of Williams, AZ. From I-40, use exit 185. Turn south onto Hughes Avenue, go across East Bellemont Road and over overpass that crosses railroad tracks. Turn right onto Veterans' Drive, then drive 1.7 miles to our main gate.

#### • Ceremony Program

Welcome: LTC (ret) Andrew Griffin, Ed.D

Canadian Bagpipes: *Mist Covered Mountains*: Paul Flanagan

Opening Prayer: Mike Hays, Associate Pastor,

Bethel Community Church of Flagstaff

Speaker: COL (ret) Pet Kloeber, USAF

Speaker: Rodger Ely

Canadian Bagpipes: *Bells of Dunblane* and *TAPS*:

Paul Flanagan

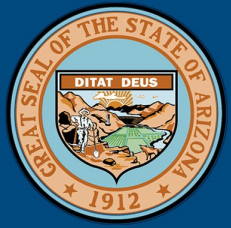
Benediction: Mike Hays





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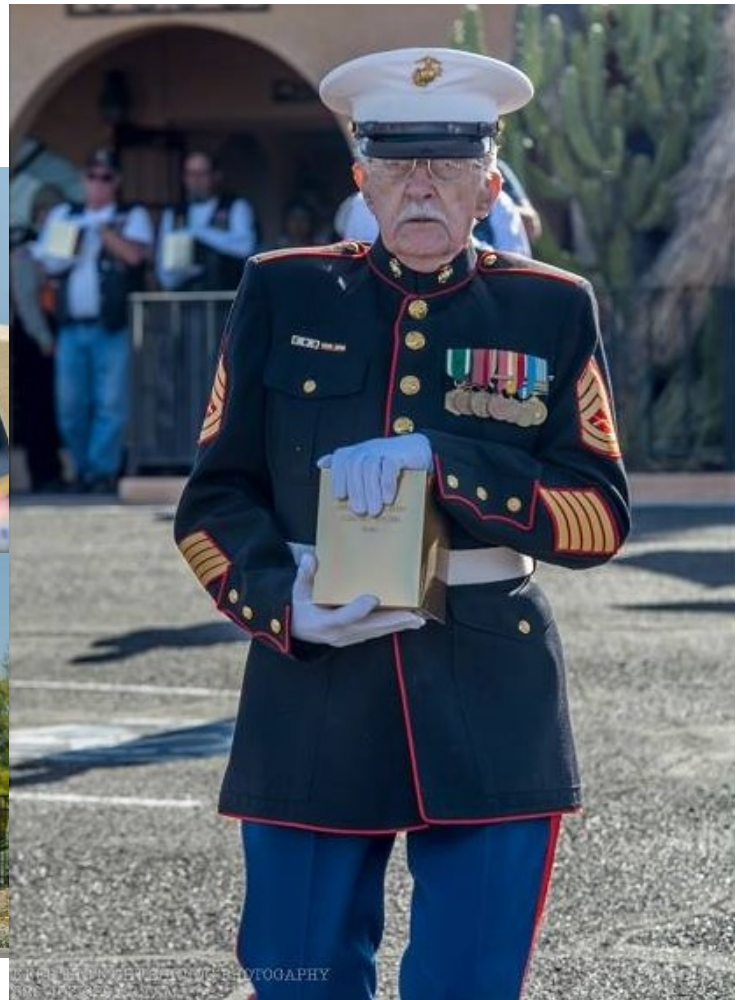
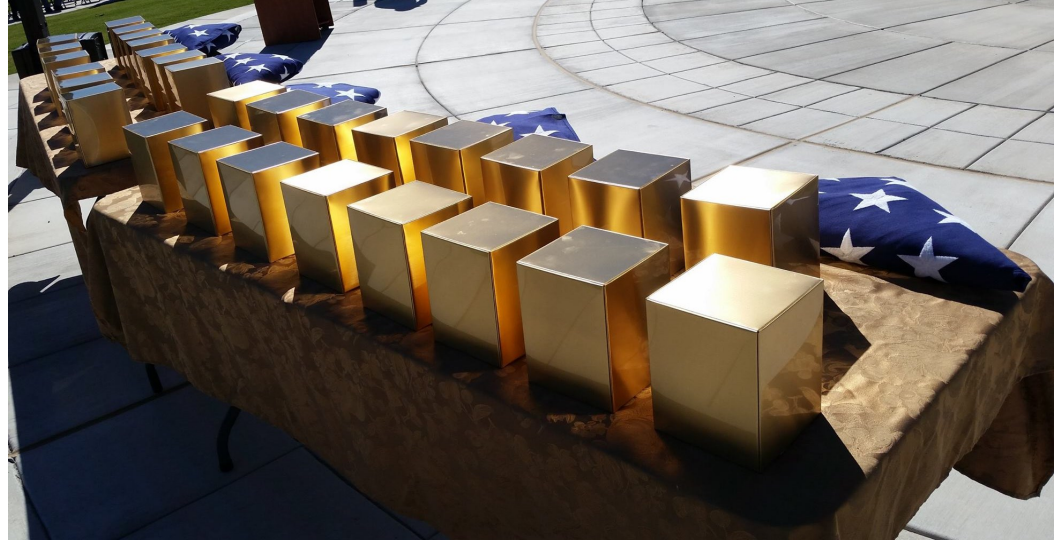
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### ◆ AVMC Marana

- Contents submitted by  
Bonnie Dudelston

- Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> AVMC at Marana hosted the Missing In American Project (MIAP) mission. 30 homeless, unclaimed or indigent veterans and one dependent spouse were interred. The ceremony included a military honor guard escort, last roll call and more before veterans were placed in their final resting place. The ceremony included full military honors and a folded flag presentation for three family members and two guests. About 250 people were in attendance for this event. The next mission we will host is scheduled for Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

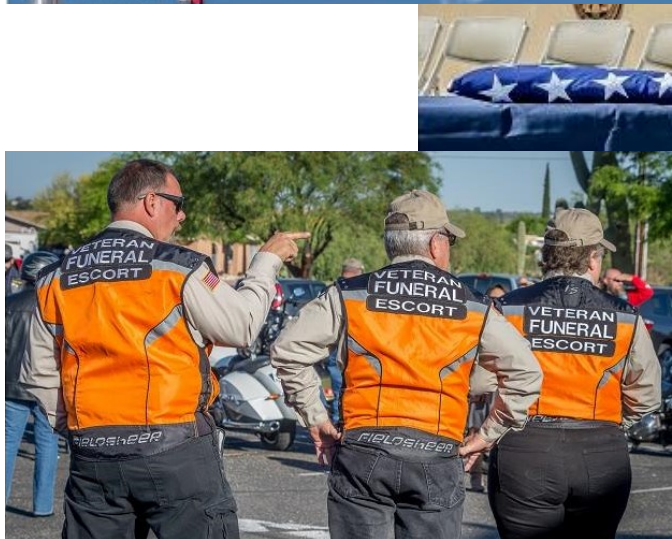
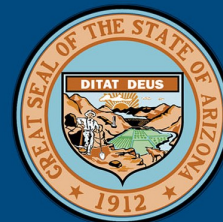






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### Upcoming events:

- Run for the Wall 2017

Run for the Wall is making a fuel stop in Marana on May 18<sup>th</sup>. It'll be at the Marana exit from 8:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

RFTW will lay a wreath at the AVMC at Marana. Learn more about RFTW here: <https://www.rftw.us/>

- Memorial Day Ceremony

Come join us for our Memorial Day Ceremony, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at 15950 N. Luckett Rd., Marana, AZ.

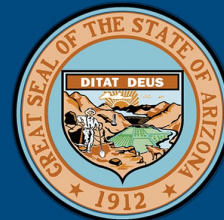
Activities will include a wreath laying ceremony, flyover, guest speakers and more.





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### ◆ SAVMC Sierra Vista

- Contents submitted by Joe Larson

#### Upcoming Events:

May 13<sup>th</sup> – Valor Hospice is hosting their annual Butterfly release "Celebration of Life" at the SAVMC Assembly area. The event starts at 10:00 a.m. and is open to the public.

May 27<sup>th</sup> – The public is also invited to place U.S. flags on veterans' gravesites in preparation of Memorial Day. This will begin at 8:00 a.m. This is an annual event where we place flags on thousands of veterans' gravesites inside the SAVMC.

May 29<sup>th</sup> – Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame, Sierra Vista Chapter, is hosting a Memorial Day Observance Ceremony at SAVMC, 1300 S. Buffalo Soldier Trail, Sierra Vista, AZ. The guest speaker is ADVS Director, COL (ret) Wanda Wright. The ceremony begins at 8:30 a.m.

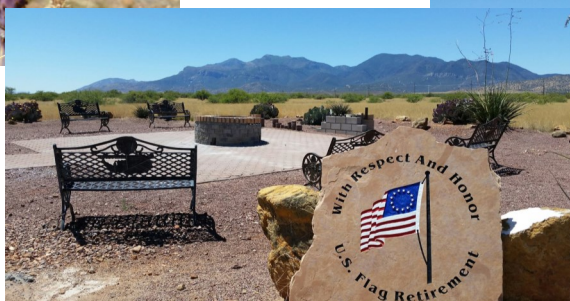
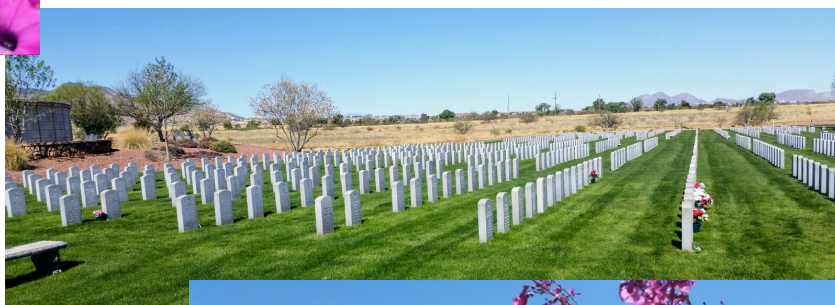


Check out these photos of springtime at SAVMC!

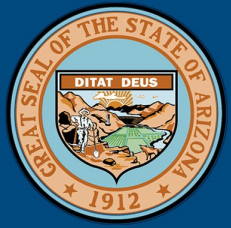


**Did you know that only 18.7% of all veterans are aware or understand the VA or state veterans burial benefits?**

**Pre-registration for burial determination at any of the three state veterans cemeteries is a great way to give peace your family peace of mind that you're eligible for this free benefit.**







◆ **ADVS Events**

On April 8<sup>th</sup>, Daisy Mountain Veterans hosted the Vietnam 50th Anniversary Commemoration at Anthem. The theme was "Honoring those who have honored us with their service." Pictured is ADVS Director, Wanda Wright conversing with veterans at the event.



ADVS hosted our first Arizona Military/Veteran Women's Expo of the year at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix on April 15<sup>th</sup>. We provided networking opportunities, informative and educational workshops, career resources and even pampering services for those in attendance.

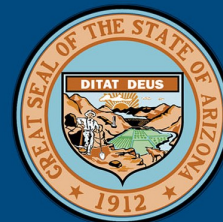






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Here are links to some resources:

